ÉCOLE HENRY KELSEY

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
École Henry Kelsey is unique among all Saskatoon Public Schools. We offer a single-stream French Immersion education where French is the working language of the school and all supports and resources are available in French. This provides our students with an authentic opportunity to interact with one another and with our staff as they listen, speak, read and write in French across all subjects. A walk around École Henry Kelsey will provide encounters with happy students, wonderful learning displays on the walls, and vibrant and energetic classrooms, all in French. Our bilingual, passionate teachers are committed to teaching every student to be the very best they can be by responding to our students’ needs in a safe, inclusive and differentiated learning environment.

As our school motto, “Ensemble On Grandit/Together We Grow” states, by working alongside our well-represented School Community Council we maintain a strong priority for literacy and math. We continuously strive to achieve our shared beliefs of respect, responsibility, safety and excellence. The future opportunities for our children are unlimited as they move on to the world of work, post-secondary education or travel.

OUR FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM
École Henry Kelsey is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 elementary school with two immersion programs. We invite students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 to join us in the elementary French Immersion program. As well, we offer a Late French Immersion program in Grade 6. Parents do not have to speak French for their children to be in an immersion program.

Our school offers a wide-array of extracurricular opportunities, a strong fine arts program throughout the grades, and an excellent band program beginning in Grade 6.
French Immersion is a program designed for students whose first language is not French. The program uses French as the primary language of instruction and communication in the school setting to enable students to acquire functional language skills.

The goals of Saskatoon Public Schools’ French Immersion program are to:

- offer a comprehensive French education allowing for the personal development of students, and
- increase French language learning competence while also developing students’ English skills.

The aim of the French Immersion program is for students to communicate effectively in Canada’s two official languages. Upon completing the program, students are able to:

- pursue post-secondary education/training in both French and English,
- pursue employment in French and English, and
- possess an understanding of global perspectives on cultures and peoples, including their own.

The approximate percentage of instruction in French through K-12 French Immersion is as follows:

- 100%—Kindergarten to Grade 2
- 75%—Grade 3 to 8
- 50%—Grade 9 to 12

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Parents do not need to speak French in order to enroll their children in French Immersion. Most parents have little or no French language skills. While teachers foster students’ language learning at school, parents can also support their child’s learning at home:

- encourage your child throughout their learning journey, especially during the initial fall term when students are learning the basics of a new language,
- engage your child with meaningful language opportunities at home by reading, viewing and listening to materials in French, and
- recognize your child’s accomplishments to build their confidence for tackling new challenges.

CONTACT US

If you are interested in the French Immersion program, we invite you to contact our French Immersion Coordinator, Paul Bazin, at 306.683.8115 or contact the school in your neighbourhood to learn more.